

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT LAW SECTION ANNUAL REPORT 2003-2004

The Labor and Employment Law Section was extremely active this year, continuing to serve its membership through high caliber programs, publications, and outreach projects. The Section provided many continuing legal education programs for our membership. Section members also received the Section's newsletter, Labor and Employment Lawnotes, ably edited once again by Stu Israel. We continue to refine our Listserv for members. We also continued to market the video we produced last year on labor law history in Michigan.

The Section sponsored an education program held during the 2003 Annual Meeting of the State Bar. The program included a mock arbitration program, as well as a presentation on new Fair Labor Standards Act regulations. The Annual Meeting program was chaired by Jeff Donahue. During the business portion of the Section's annual meeting, Andrea Roumell Dickson was recognized for her service as Section Chair. New officers were elected, including David E. Khorey, chair; James M. Moore, vice chair; Deborah L. Gordon, secretary; and Michael Lee, treasurer. Current members of the counsel include: Joseph A. Barker, Kathleen L. Bogas, Daniel J. Bretz, David B. Calzone, Andrea Roumell Dickson, Jeffrey S. Donahue, Deborah L. Gordon, Stuart M. Israel, David E. Khorey, David A. Kotzian, Michael K. Lee, Honora J. Lynch, James M. Moore, Stanley C. Moore III, Brent D. Rector, Arnold E. Reed, Joseph A. Ritok, Jr., Sheldon J. Stark, Daniel D. Swanson, and George N. Wirth.

In September 2003 the Section sponsored a mini seminar on mediation in Bloomfield Hills.

In October 2003 the Bernard Gottfried Memorial Labor Law Symposium was held at Wayne State University. The Section continued this co-sponsorship of the program and facilitated the attendance of law students interested in labor and employment law from area law schools.

In December the Section sponsored a mini-seminar on settlements in Birmingham which was well attended with over 100 attendees. Deborah Gordon chaired this event. The Mid-Winter Meeting of the Section was held at the Ypsilanti Marriott on January 30 and 31. The Mid-Winter Meeting featured 299 advance registrations. At the annual dinner, the Section presented its Distinguished Service Award to Gordon Gregory. The dinner keynote speaker was Tim Skubick. The education component of the Mid-Winter Meeting was held on Saturday, January 31. The program featured updates on the Labor Relations Act, public sector labor law, employment discrimination law, wage and hour law, and panel discussions on various employment litigation topics.

The Section presented its annual continuing legal education program on April 1 and 2, 2004, when it co-sponsored the 29th Annual Labor and Employment Law Institute with the Institute of Continuing Legal Education. This meeting was held at the MSU Management Education Center in Troy.

All of our events have been well attended this year and extremely well produced due to the efforts of a conscientious and diligent Section Council.

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